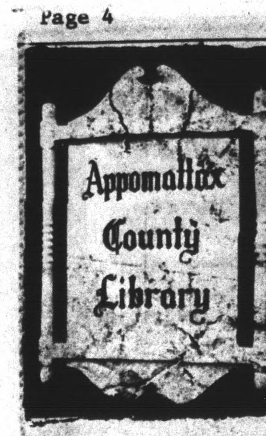

This week let's talk about Jerry Clower. Most of you have seen him on television and if you like comedians you like him - if not you don't. He is the 64th entertainer to be named to the Grand Ole Opry and is considered one of the few authentic humorists in America today. He has appeared on the David Frost Show, The Mike Douglas Show; Country Crossroads radio show; the Bill Anderson and Wilburn Brothers T.V. shows and as a guest with Charlie Pride. He make his home in Yazoo, Mississippi where he is a deacon of First Baptist Church and an active Gideon. He has a degree from Mississippi State University. Now, you say "Why all this build-up?" The answer is that the County Library has just received his book entitled, "Ain't God Good!" and no matter whether you enjoy his humor or not, be sure to read it as you will discover he is a down-to-earth Christian gentleman. He speaks out on moral issues of the day in no uncertain terms but in no way tries to preach. Gerry Wood, who worked with Jerry in bringing this book into print speaks of him as "homespun - country - warm - entertaining - alive - opinionated and fundamentally Christian.

In one chapter headed "What Am I"? someone asked him what he was. He answered that he was a Christian. They again asked him what he was and this is his answer: "I am a Christian and I worship in a Southern Baptist Church. The denomination I belong to is Southern Baptist but I want to impress upon everybody that I am more Christian than I am Baptist. If you find a person who is more Baptist than he is Christian, you'd better watch him because he won't do."

Another chapter called Race, Creed and Christians really makes one think, so if you read nothing else, read these two chapters.

Many of us have liked the novels of Georgette Heyer but her new one called My Lord John is difficult to read. I only scanned it as it failed to hold my attention. Other new books in the library are as follows:

The Peacock Spring by Rummer Godden; **Thursday's Child** by Faith Baldwin; **All That Gitters** by Novel Gerson; **The Lynmara Legacy** by Catherine Gaskin; **The Italian Woman** by Jean Plaidy; **The Singing Swans** by Alexandra Manners; **The Persian Prince** by Evelyn Anthony and **Lady Pamela** by Clara Darcy.

SPEAKER AT WEDNESDAY EVENING MEETING

Mr. Charlie Burtnea, Community Development Representative of Division of Industrial Development, standing above, was guest speaker at the April 21st meeting of the Appomattox County Development Corporation. He made a most interesting and informative talk, a part of which is printed in this edition, beginning on page one and continuing below.

Appingham

"If you can't see the bright side of life, polish the dull side with thanksgiving and praise."

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Mosby Hodges; of Salem who died last week, especially to this niece, Mrs. Norman Page.

Out-of-town visitors in the home of Mrs. Vinia Kress last week end were Mrs. Martha Cox, Mrs. Linda Roach, Roy Womack, Donnie Thompson, Angela, Ronnie and Donnie Roach, all of Richmond.

Little League Softball begins this week at the WOW field. Parents, especially are asked to come out and support the players.

Miss Becky Gunter has returned to her home here after spending a week in New Canton with Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Smith and Julie.

Mrs. Norma Page and boys were Wednesday dinner guests of Mrs. Carolyn Baldwin and boys, of pamplin.

Joe Johnson, Chowan College, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson, Jr. Other guests included Mr. Phillip Asal, of Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Page, Tim, Dean and Pat were recent guests in the homes of Mrs. C. W. Neighbors and Mr. G. Hampton Moulse, of Salem.

Miss Donna Gunter was one of the Latin Club members who recently spent the day in Washington, D.C.

Happy Birthday to Mrs. Lena Hanenkrat who will celebrate her 101st birthday on April 30. Also Miss Julie Smith who will celebrate her 4th birthday the same day.

Stonewall

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Heb. 11:1.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Krantz of Lynchburg visited Mrs. Elsie Krantz Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Tom Davidson, Mrs. Wallace Bondurant and Mr. Richard Bondurant visited Mrs. Ruby Oakes in Lynchburg General Hospital several times last week.

Rev. Hawkes preached a fine sermon at Hebron on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Matthews of Orange, spent Saturday with Mr. J. O. Davidson and Mr. Crawford Davidson. Mr. and Mrs. Layton Haley or Roanoke spent Saturday night and Sunday with them.

Mr. Carol Mince remains about the same at Duke University Hospital at Durham, North Carolina.

Mrs. John Ewers came home Friday after several weeks stay at the hospital in Richmond. She had her third eye transplant. Pray for her to be able to see now. She will go Tuesday for examination.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ray Burnette. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jones and Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler were week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler. Mr. and Mrs. Burnette have jujst returned from an auto convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. What a fine trip it was.

Little Jack Harris spent the week-end with her grandmother Mrs. Nina Caldwell.

YOUNG HOMEMAKERS EXECUTIVE MEETING

Jeanette Drinkard, Southside Area reporter and historian and Betty Jo Smith advisor of Appomattox Chapter, attended the spring Homemakers area Executive meeting Tuesday, April 13, 1976 at the Sheraton Inn in Lynchburg. The meeting was to plan and organize the fall convention in November. Programs for the joint meeting with the Young Farmers and the afternoon session of the Young Homemakers were planned. Committees and special duties for each chapter were appointed.

Plans are being made for a tour of the surrender grounds in June and afterwards a picnic lunch for all members of the Southside Area Young Homemakers.

Jeanette Drinkard,
Area Reporter

PUPPET SHOW AT ROBERT E. LEE ACADEMY

Mr. Paul C. Brunner from Madison Heights is shown above with one of his many puppets, "Willie the Worm". On Thursday, Mr. Brunner presented a religious puppet show for the students and teachers at Robert E. Lee Academy. He uses his many talents with the puppets for Sunday Schools, Bus Ministry, ministering to the deaf and at Lynchburg Training School. The new Robert E. Lee Academy is located on Road 727, 1½ miles from Appomattox.

Pamplin

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. J.W.D. Canada.

Mr. Joe Bates and Jeff returned home last week after a visit with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James Parrish, Richmond.

Miss Donna Smith visited friends in Virginia Beach, Williamsburg and Richmond last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Delano, of Warsaw, spent Easter week end with her mother, Mrs. Fannie Tillery.

Mr. and Mrs. David Savitz, of Roanoke, visited her parents last week end. They visited his parents in Columbia, S.C. Easter.

Mr. and mrs. Ren Speer of Orlando, Fla, are visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Earl J. Smith returned home Monday after spending the week end with Mr. and mrs. J. F. Crofton, Norfolk.

Mrs. Bill Martin and son, Ted, of Charlotte, N.C., have returned home after spending the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Reynolds, Red House.

Mr. and Mrs. Syd Roth and daughter, of Silver Springs, Md., have returned home after spending the Easter week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Young.

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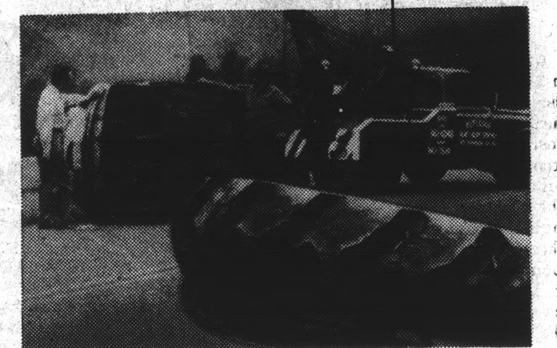

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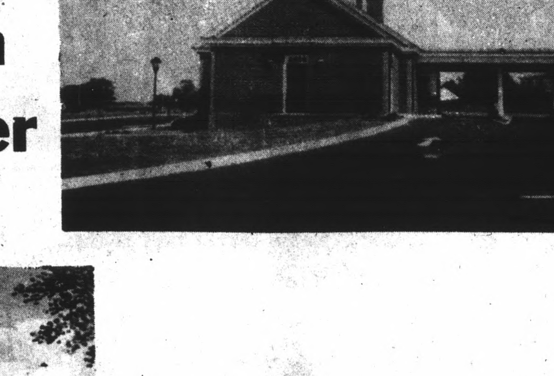

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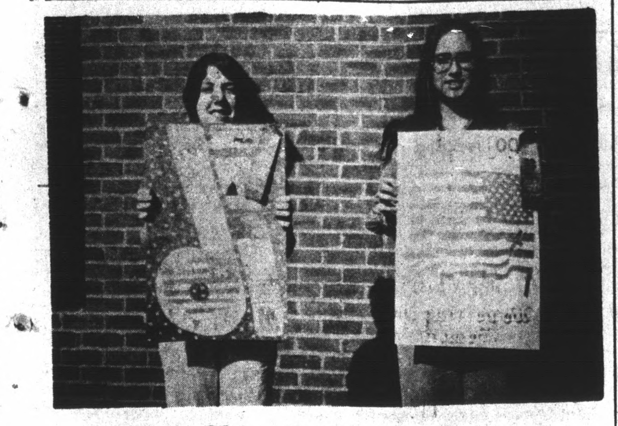

4-H'ers Shine In District Contests

Appomattox 4-H'ers turned in 115 posters in a special 4-H Bicentennial Poster Contest during March and April. Posters were judged in groups according to the age of the 4-H'ers submitting the poster. The top blue ribbon poster in the 9-13 age group was made by Cheryl Walton. Richard Guill submitted the runner-up poster. In the 14-19 age group the top poster was done by Gaye Phelps with Lisa Dickerson having the second place poster.

Other blue ribbon posters were made by: Sharon Roach, DeLisa Watkins, Nancy Morris, David Mayberry, John Franklin, Darryl MacIntosh, Cheryl Davis, James Carrico, Dana White and Susan Shorter.

Additional 4-H'ers making posters and receiving ribbons included: Alan Edmonds, Shelia Roach, Lisa Rogers, Laura Walton, Norman Walker, Pete Baldwin, Chris Tolley, Janis Richardson, Carolyn Chandler, Betty Glenn, Allison Peters, Crystal Dawn Carter, Terry Johnson, Timothy Almond, Virginia Robinson, Donna Baldwin, Brenda LeWarne, Denise Jackson, Barry Hamlett, John Williams, Wayne Spradlin, Eve Thomas, Lisa Cousin, Larry Mann, Maria King, Vivian Seay, Todd Nash, David Blanks, Alfred Martin, Jay Kerr, Becky Slifko, Janice Abernathy, Lonnie Evans, Trudy Harris, Rose Christian, Karen Stevens, Chuck Thompson, Helen Thompson, Jeri Lynn Long, Jack Silby, Phyllis Patterson, Diann Harvey, Jack Williams, Sandra Watkins, Patti Stratton, Ann Higginbotham, Dean Hamilton, Ruby Goin, Ronald Reed, Patty Harris, Sheri McCormick, William Thornton, Thomas Drewery, Sylvester Watkins, Ray Moore, Timmy Martin, Mary Lee Bryant, Sharon Cheatham, Eve Hamlett, Phillip Mobley, Mark Kelso, Mary Hudson, Karen Carter, Tammy Johnson, Scott Jordan, Jerry Hancock, Dennis Guill, Johnny McCormick, Troy Woody, Terry Dillard, Samuel Thornton.

Also, Rick Caldwell, Walter Drewery, Pam Fuller, Cheryl Williams, Marlene Watkins, Stanley Pankey, Jill Franklin, Cindy O'Brien, Tommy Campbell, Chad Deavers, Sylvia Prince, Larry Johnson, Darrell Moore, Cynthia Johnson, Ron Carter, Nancy Taylor, Kim Maxwell, Shelia Mayberry, Pamela Robertson, Tammy Cumbie, Kathy Parsons, John Booker, Grey May, Mike Trent, David Rosser, Jody Williams, Edna Moss, Cornelius Davis, Gaye Moore, Kathy Lewis and Melissa Randolph.

Rocks

APRIL 26 - So thankful for the much needed rain Sunday night.

There was an Easter Eegg Hunt at Rocks on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Bagby entered Virginia Baptist Hospital again last Sunday. A speedy recovery is wished her.

Mrs. Peggy Lewis went to see a doctor in Lynchburg twice last week.

Her eye trouble is much improved.

Friends are sorry to hear Rev. Omah Burnette is in Virignia Baptist Hospital. A speedy recovery is wished him.

The Prayer Time Circle met with Mrs. B. B. Harris, Sr. on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Margaret Payne of Powhatan was here last week for the funerals of her uncles on Wednesday and Friday afternoon, Sam and George Elder. She visited her mother, Mrs. Ollie Elder while here.

Mrs. Pauline Baldwin, of Farmville, stopped by Friday afternoon to see Cassie Baldwin enroute home from Lynchburg where she went to see her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Baldwin, who had been in Va. Baptist Hospital from a heart attack.

A number of the youth choir from Rocks went to Bethel Church on Friday night to sing for the revival there.

Cassie Baldwin attended Founders Day at Longwood Colleg eon Saturday. She was a member of the class of the 1926. This class had 61 present and won the Jarman Cup.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Inge of Pamplin announce the birth of a son, James Thomas, born in Virginia Baptist Hospital on Sunday, April 25. He weighed 9 lbs, 7 oz. The couple have two daughters, Jennifer and Sally.

Children returned to school today after a week's holiday.

Special music was brought by the different choirs on Sunday. Duet by Thomas Ranson and Rev. Wagner and a solo by Rev. Wagner.

Congratulation to Mrs. Helen Inge who won the flower from Superior Trees Nursery on Friday for the Birthday Drawing over WTTX

Mr. and Mrs. David Lowe, of Roanoke stopped by to see Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roach Friday afternoon awhile on their way to Blackstone.

Mrs. Gladys Anderson, of Richmond, remained here last week to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore.

The Rocks Quartet went to present a program of gospel music at Jefferson High School at Forest Saturday night, along with Good News Singers of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Helen Inge returned home Saturday after surgery.

Harry Almond is in the hospital sick. A speedy recovery is wished him.

A number were out to plant shrubbery at the church Saturday. It looks beautiful. The rain was good on it.

Pastor-Deacon Retreat; church secretaries; ministers wives and Deacon Wives Conferences at Eagle Eyrie April 30 - May 1. Several are planning to attend.

AREA FFA TRACTOR OPERATING CONTEST PLANNED

The Annual Southside Area FFA Tractor Operating Contest will be held in Appomattox May 1. Taking part in the contest will be winners of five federation contests held earlier this year.

The winning contestant will represent the fifteen-county area in the state finals at VPI&SU in June.

The area contest will be directed by W. C. Perrow, instructor of agricultural machinery service in the Appomattox County School.

The Amherst-Appomattox-Campbell Federation will be represented by Nathan Smith of Appomattox County High School.

4-H CLUB REPORT

Mrs. Spahr's 5th grade 4-H club met on April 14, 1976. President, James Beaty, called the meeting to order. Rebecca Doss led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and Norma Morgan, led the 4-H Flag pledge. Then Mr. Sweet talked about the improvements and different classes that will be held at 4-H camp this summer. Then the meeting was adjourned.

Joanie Canada, Reporter

GOVERNOR PAYS TRIBUTE TO EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS - W. E. Skelton (right), dean of Extension at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, presents Mrs. Jean M. Beard of Harrisonburg, president of the Virginia Extension Homemakers Council, with a certificate of recognition and proclamation on behalf of Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr. praising the work of Extension Homemakers Clubs throughout the state and officially designating May 2-8 as Extension Homemakers Week. The certificate also pays tribute to Tech's Extension Division for its work in cooperation with the Council, a 24,000-member organization dedicated to improving family and community life. The ceremony took place on the Tech campus, where some 500 Council members gather each July for a family resources conference.

The **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION** reads as follows: By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized: Extension Homemakers Week 1976. The Extension Homemakers Clubs of Virginia continue to further the highest ideals of family life and community betterment.

In recognition of this good work, the clubs and the sponsors of the Cooperative Extension Service, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, observe the period of May 2 - 8, 1976, as **EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS WEEK**, and I call this occasion to the attention of our people.

Mills E. Godwin, Governor

Clover Hill

"By grace are ye saved through faith; . . . not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8,9

The Spiritvalairs Gospel Singers of Richmond rendered a program of Gospel Songs at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church Sunday night. It turned out to be a success. All who were presente enjoyed the program.

Mr. Jim Berkley of Washington, D.C., spend the week end here at his home in Prospect while his nieces visited him.

Mrs. Louis Gordon and Misses Carolyn and Virginia Berkley, of Pamplin, visited in the home of Mrs. Helaze Walker and family, also Mrs. Lucy Mann, of Buckingham, Va.

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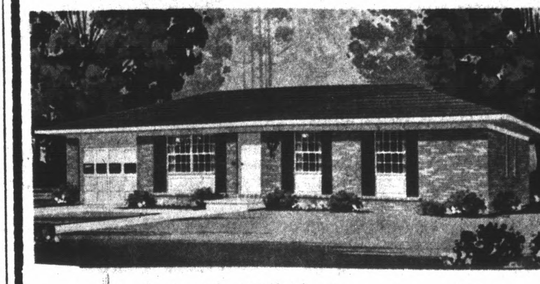

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